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## **PAULINE'S PEARL RUNS DOWN DEFENDING CHAMPION SHEDARESTHEDEVIL TO WIN LA TROIENNE**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (Friday, May 6, 2022)** – Stonestreet Stables' **Pauline's Pearl** eased past defending champion **Shedaresthedevil** past the sixteenth pole to win the 37th running of the \$750,000 La Troienne (GI) presented by Signify Health for fillies and mares by a half-length Friday afternoon at Churchill Downs.

Trained by **Steve Asmussen** and ridden by **Joel Rosario**, Pauline's Pearl completed the mile and a sixteenth on a fast main track in 1:42.46.

Shedaresthedevil, who was unbeaten in five starts at Churchill Downs, shot to the lead out of the gate under **Florent Geroux** and led the field of seven through fractions of :24.02, :47.80 and 1:11.78 with Ava's Grace tracking in second and Pauline's Pearl just behind the top two while racing three wide.

In the stretch, Shedaresthedevil maintained her inside position while being challenged by **Ava's Grace** and Pauline's Pearl with the latter pushing past just passing the sixteenth pole.

The victory was worth \$455,700 to Pauline's Pearl, a 4-year-old Kentucky-bred daughter of **Tapit** out of the **Dixie Union** mare **Hot Dixie Chick**. In notching her first Grade I victory, Pauline's Pearl increased her earnings to \$1,494,200 with a record of 13-5-4-2.

Pauline's Pearl returned \$5.80, \$2.80 and \$2.40. Shedaresthedevil returned \$2.60 and \$2.40 with Ava's Grace finishing another 2 3/4 lengths back in third under **David Cohen** and returning \$4.40 to show.

**Battle Bling** finished fourth and was followed in order by **She's All Wolfe**, **Jilted Bride** and **Temper Time**.

### **LA TROIENNE QUOTES**

**Joel Rosario (Jockey, Pauline's Pearl, winner)** – "Steve (trainer Asmussen) told me to watch her at the gate; that she could break slow. But she came out fine and I got a good position. I got pushed out a bit on the turn (for home), but once we straightened out she leveled off. She ran well through the stretch."

**Steve Asmussen (Pauline's Pearl, winner)** – "So many things go into it. She was a nice filly early that continuously competed and got better. She came back a 4-year-old! All four races this year have been tremendous. It is so satisfying for her to come back and get her first Grade 1 on Oaks Day. She did her best last year in the Oaks. You can see the improvement one year has made in her."

**Florent Geroux (Jockey, Shedaresthedevil, second)** – "She ran hard. And she was still running at the end. The winner was best today."

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